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TEXAS FISH OUTPUT.

The annual report of R. H. Wood, fish commissioner of Texas, has been filed with the governor. The output of fish was as follows:

Galveston, 91,130 barrels; Matagorda, 287,430; Palacios, 20,865; Rockport, 702,118; Corpus Christi, 690,503; Port Lavaca, 389,090; Isabel, 755,195; Liberty, 222,563; Brazoria, 200; Houston, 162,890. Totals, 3,321,984. The total tax on fish was \$3321.

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Some Recent Good Stocks and Shares.

The crew of sch. Walter P. Goulart of this port, which was at Boston to market on Tuesday shared \$50 as the result of just two sets of her trawls.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey, stocked \$2550 on her recent eastern shack trip, the crew sharing \$66.40 clear.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. C. Clarence Malone, stocked \$1560 on her recent eastern shack trip, the crew sharing \$30 clear.

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Herring Notes.

Schs. Avalon, Oriole and Aloha are all ready to sail on Newfoundland herring trips, and will probably sail today.

Will Take Vacation.

Capt. Thomas Downey of sch. Fannie E. Prescott will now take a vacation ashore and go on a visit to his relatives in Nova Scotia.

Salt Cod Fare Sold.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Mabel D. Hines sold to George Perkins & Son.

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ANOTHER DAY OF LIGHT FARES

Sch. Esperanto Will Make Good Stock.

This is another morning of light arrivals, indeed no vessels came in during the night. Yesterday afternoon the netting steamer Quoddy arrived with her usual fare of fresh fish, which were shipped to Boston, and sch. Esperanto came from Boston with 85,000 pounds of fresh cod for the splitters. This craft took out about 60,000 pounds of cod at Boston, so she is in for a fine stock. The torchers had a poor night and early this morning only 40 barrels of herring had been landed, though more are expected later.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Esperanto, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Almeida, via Boston.

Boats and torchers, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Richard, via Provincetown.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Claudia, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Mina Swim, deck handlining.

Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland, salt herring.

Sch. Dora Lawson, deck handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt, dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Round pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. right through.

Small lots of fresh halibut, 19 cts lb.

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North Bay salt mackerel, \$22 per bbl.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Grayling was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Yakima will now haul up for a while and after New Years will engage in fresh halibuting under command of her present skipper, Capt. Robert Wharton.

After a very successful Georges halibut fishing season, Capt. John G. Stream has hauled sch. Kineo up for a while.

Capt. C. Clarence Malone of sch. Lillian will now remain ashore for a trip and the vessel will continue shacking under command of Capt. William Esler.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage is fitting for market fishing, under command of Capt. Freeman Larkin.

Sch. Massachusetts was at North Sydney, C. B., Tuesday for harbor and supplies.

Newburyport Fishermen Had Nets Torn.

Several of the Newburyport fishermen got their nets badly torn Wednesday near the mouth of the river on account of the rough bottom.

Joseph Lalumiere set his gill net Wednesday from the north jetty across the channel. Tugs Powow and Hazel Dell came into port with the large Corbin and ran through the net, a large portion of it catching on the barge's rudder.

The seine came up the river thus attached, and yesterday morning the owner was engaged in trying to save his property, but without much success.

Herring at Newburyport.

The Consumers' Fresh Fish Co. received 35 barrels of herring Thursday morning. The Merrimac river is full of small herring and in consequence a large flock of gulls are getting their fill.

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MADE THREE DORY HANDLINE TRIPS.

Sch. Maxine Elliott
Stocked \$21,000 on
700,200 Pounds Cod.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, of the salt bank dory handline codfishing fleet of this port, has just completed a very successful, and in some respects, a remarkable season. Since spring, the craft has made three trips dory handlining, bringing home in all, the fine total of 700,200 pounds of salt cod, making the splendid stock of \$21,000, one of the best of the bank codfishing fleet.

It is not often that a vessel makes three dory handline trips in one season. This season, Capt. Benham was successful in so doing, being one of the three of the fleet to try it, schs. Arkona and Harry A. Nickerson being the other two.

On these three trips, the high line fisherman of the crew, Ernest Holmes, took \$537 for his season's work, while the boy, Lango Copeland, made \$326, which is certainly good money. The average share was about \$415.

Capt. Benham is a young and hustling skipper, who has been steadily coming to the front and by hard work and judgment, has fairly won his place in the front rank of master mariners of the salt codfishing fleet.

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Clark's Harbor, N. S., Fish Notes.

Dr. J. H. Melanson, who built a glue factory at Port Saxon last year, has complained to the fisheries department that the Nelson took for the rendering works at Clark's Harbor, all the fish heads, etc., that he depended on for glue stock. He offered about half the price paid at the above works.

The lobster season begins in four weeks from date, and the men are now making ready. A start for the island stations is now on. Steamer Hugh D. took a lot of gear hence to Seal island on Wednesday, to be followed shortly by the owners in their power boats to fix up the houses and find the ballast for traps.

"Sandy" Phillips, one of the fishing contingent, who went from here to Vancouver last summer, sends the Coast Guard a picture of his ship in her dock, and writes he is doing pretty well. "At any rate," he says, "I am anchored here for the next eight or 10 years."

Last week, herring in great numbers were observed swarming close inshore at the landings. Nets stretched between the wharves enclosed quite a school, but the fish were too small for the mesh, and none were stopped. Since lobster bait has run short on the New Brunswick shore, our men must plan to stock up with home catches of this sardine size next year. It can be done.

It is reported that three leading fish firms, C. Robin Collas Co., A. G. Jones & Co. of Halifax, and the Atlantic Fish Co., Lunenburg, are about to form a merger of their several interests. The first named company has stock in the steam trawler Wren.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The Warren Fish Co., of Pensacola, Fla., are seriously considering what steps to take in securing the release of their fishing schooner, the Caldwell H. Colt, which was illegally seized by the Mexican Government and now detained at Progreso. For five or six weeks the company have been deprived of the use of their vessel, which at the high prices now being obtained for fish from the gulf would net them a big sum of money. It is likely that they will take up the subject with the secretary of the state, with a view of seeing what redress they can secure. Dr. J. Harris Pierpont, of Pensacola, was in Mexico City last week, having gone there in connection with the seizure of the fishing vessel. He is a son-in-law of the president of the Warren Fish Co. Dr. Pierpont says that the captain of the Caldwell H. Colt, at the preliminary hearing in Progreso testified that a heavy storm drove the vessel in the Yucatan Channel, near the Alacran reef, and he went into calm water to make certain repairs. The captain says that when the vessel was sailing out the seizure occurred. He further testified that they were not fishing at the time.

The new fishing smack Wallace McDonald, of Pensacola, Fla., has been equipped with a 20-horse-power engine. The vessel is owned by E. E. Saunders & Co., and headed for the snapper banks a few days ago.

The fishing smack Priscilla, after being out only a couple of days, hauled in 20,000 pounds of red snappers which were landed at Pensacola, Fla., last Thursday.

Portland Fish Notes.

It is reported again that the veteran lighthouse tender Geranium is to be broken up and replaced by a new steamer. This will undoubtedly be done some time or other, but in all probability we shall have the old boat with us for some time longer.

In addition to the large quantities of herring being shipped from here daily to the Eastport canneries sch. Emma F. Chase was chartered Thursday to proceed to the Kennebec to load about 1000 barrels for Lubec and Eastport.

Thursday proved another big day for fish arrivals as four vessels came into port with average fares while one vessel came in with 10,000 pounds but did not sell. The vessels which sold to the local market were sch. Albert W. Black, 3000 pounds of mixed fish; sch. Eva and Mildred, 10,000 pounds of mixed fish; sch. Gertrude Roosevelt, 4000 pounds of mixed fish and sch. Margie Turner, 10,000 pounds of mixed fish. Sch. Evelyn Thompson came in with 10,000 pounds but did not sell.

Beside these the following fares came in; sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 1000 pounds; sloop Minerva, 2000 pounds; sloop Crusader, 2500 pounds.

The herring boat brought in the following fares, steamer Pet, 177 barrels; steamer Elthier, 46 barrels; steamer Dolphin, 97 barrels; sloop Bennie, 21 barrels; sloop Four Brothers, 39 barrels; sloop Nellie York, 24 barrels; sloop Laconia, 38 barrels.

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PROTECTION TO CLAM FLATS

Municipal Council Will Give Hearing November 24.

If the citizens of Gloucester want their clam flats protected, they will have an opportunity to express their opinions at a special meeting of the municipal council on Wednesday evening, November 24, which will be held for that purpose.

Since the dredging of Annisquam river, it is said that not for a number of years has the clam industry been so good, or the quality of these shell fish so excellent. The business has been so profitable that Italian fishermen have come from as far as Boston and made wholesale digging on the flats, until in some places the areas are nearly depopulated.

Considerable complaint has been made by local fishermen and citizens as a result of which four Italians were recently brought into court charged with taking clams on the flats without license, but inasmuch as there was no law or local ordinance to cover the cases, the defendants were discharged.

There is one of two ways to meet the situation, one by the citizens voting to empower the municipal council to make such regulations for the protecting of the clam industry as they see fit, or the enactment of special legislation by the general court.

The hearing before the municipal council will be held to obtain an expression of opinion from those interested in the clam flats, and upon the sentiment presented will depend whether the matter will be put before the voters in the coming municipal election, or put over until the incoming legislature.

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Labrador Fish Catch.

According to information published in the St. John's Trade Review, regarding the Labrador catch, the indications are that the shipments, thus far, this season, do not exceed 120,000 quintals. It had been hoped that the total shipments would reach 150,000 quintals; but if the latest reports be true, the position is even worse than anticipated. Assuming that the floaters' voyage will reach normal, the falling off in the whole Labrador catch this year will be about 120,000 quintals. Regarding the price situation, as it appears in Newfoundland, the Review says that it is in a position to say that there is not much prospect of the present figures changing for the balance of the season.

The present government of Newfoundland seems to be taking a keen interest in developing foreign trade in fish, and to this end have in view the subsidizing of a line of steamers to take some of the island's fish to the West Indies. The Newfoundlanders seem to be ambitious to develop a fresh fish trade in the West Indies, and it is reported that negotiations will be opened for boats with cold storage facilities. The project is also mooted there of having cold storage boats to supply the British market, the idea being that if New Zealand send mutton over 6000 miles to England, and make enormous profits in the trade, there is no reason why Newfoundland cannot profitably send her products one-third of the distance. Another market in which Newfoundland is taking more interest, is Brazil, an agent having been appointed by the government to assist in pushing the sale of Newfoundland fish in parts of the country not hitherto exploited. As an aid in developing trade, the Newfoundland government are also considering the question of cure and have brought out Professor Stolling, the Danish commissioner of fisheries, to demonstrate his method of curing, which is now so extensively used in Scotland as well as Denmark.

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PROTECTION OF CLAM FLATS.

Question May Be Put Before Voters at City Election.

It is likely that some action will be taken by the municipal council relative to protecting the local clam flats, and with that end in view, the question of instructing the council to take such action as may be necessary may be put before the voters on the official ballot as the law directs.

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SWORDFISH ON SOUNDING LINE

Monster Became Entangled and Could Not Get Clear.

Capt. Fred Upshell of the fresh halibut sch. Preceptor, recently home from a Quero bank trip, tells of a most unusual occurrence which happened on the bank a few days ago and which was nothing less than the catching of a big 400 pound swordfish on the vessel's sounding line.

The captain was sounding out a fishing spot on the edge of the ground and put the lead over in about 250 fathoms of water. When it was out about 100 fathoms, the line slackened up. The captain thought the lead was gone and started to haul up, when up to the surface came a big swordfish, with a part of the log line wrapped firmly about him.

It was no easy task to secure the big fish on the slender line, but after humoring the big fellow, he was got alongside and a tackle soon got him on board where after a lively thrash about deck which made the captain and crew step lively for a while, he was dispatched.

The swordfish had evidently been playing with the lead and line as it was going to bottom and in circling it had got caught and could not clear himself. To catch a big sword on such a slender line and in such a curious manner is unprecedented.

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PURCHASED TWO MORE VESSELS

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. Now Control 50 Craft.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has again added to its long list of fishing vessel holdings, and on Thursday added two more fine crafts to its big fleet, already the largest fishing fleet on the coast. Including the two crafts bought yesterday, the company now owns, in whole or part, just 50 registered fishing vessels.

The vessels purchased yesterday were schs. Corsair and Helen G. Wells, both formerly owned by the firm of Gardner & Parsons. The latter is 95 tons gross, 66 tons net, built at this port in 1893 and the former is 111 tons gross, 78 tons net and built at Essex in 1893.

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British Fisheries Notes.

According to statistics, the total number of British fishermen using the port of Lerwick in connection with the summer herring fishing numbered 7500. Of these, 5904 were employed in steamers and 1596 in sailboats.

From the report of the Lancashire and Western sea fisheries district, for the quarter ended September 30, it is learned that the mackerel season in the northern part has been a failure, only isolated catches being made. From North Wales the reports are to the effect that the season has not been so successful as last year, owing partly to the fact that on many occasions there was not sufficient wind to enable the boats to tow their lines. Mackerel seem to have been less plentiful than last year, but finer fish. From Pwllheli the reports are that the season has been a failure. Mackerel have been plentiful off New Quay, and fair prices have been obtained.

A Banff steam drifter recently landed at Grimsby a herring such as had never before been seen at that port. It was possessed of two heads, each fully formed, and had double sets of fins. Otherwise it was similar to the others. It was fully grown, and attracted much attention, being finally disposed of to a local naturalist as a curio.

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FORTY ARRIVALS AT T WHARF

But Boston Fish Dealers Are Paying Good Prices.

A big fleet at T wharf on the closing day of the week is quite an unusual occurrence, but that is the situation at the fish mart today, for the dealers have no less than 40 trips staring them in the face, every one a shore boat, with the exception of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, from South Channel.

As the wind is east, and there is every sign of a storm, the dealers are taking no chances on Sunday being a fish day, and accordingly are stocking up for Monday, and at very satisfactory prices to the fishermen.

The fares range small, all the way from 1000 to 15,000 pounds for the market boats with hake and pollock predominating. Sch. Thomas S. Gorton has 36,000 pounds.

Haddock were better than \$3.50, with cod from \$3 to \$4. Large hake brought \$2 and pollock a little over splitting price.

Some of the big off shore vessels, which have been fishing to the eastward, are looked for Monday. If they have had any fish weather, they should have some pretty good fares among them, and this east wind should be bringing them along.

For the week ending Thursday night there were 109 arrivals at T wharf with 2,246,100 pounds of fresh fish against 98 arrivals with 1,115,500 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Dixie, 100 haddock, 600 cod, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cocney, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Lydia, 1000 haddock.
Sch. Marguerite, 2000 cod.
Sch. Laura Enos, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Olympia, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Lochinvar, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Alice, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 4000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6500 hake.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 7000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Valentinna, 17,000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Aspinet, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 1500 cusk.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 cusk.
Sch. Leo, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Massasoit, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 15,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Lillian, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 1500 hake, 500 cusk.
Sch. Motor, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Hortense, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2500 haddock, 3300 cod, 8000 hake, 6000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Clara G. Silva.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Tecumseh, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 4000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.65 to \$3.80; large cod, \$3.65 to \$4; market cod, \$3 to \$3.65; hake, 70 cts. to \$2; pollock, 65 cts.; cusk, \$1.

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DULL ENDING OF LIGHT WEEK

Pollock and Fish for Splitters Only Receipts Today.

The fish week here ends dully. There are no arrivals from off shore. Two of the pollockers have small fares and one of the market fleet is down from Boston with a few hake and pollock for the splitters. The torchers continue to do poorly, and this morning only 20 barrels of herring came over.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Thalia, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Boats and torchers, 20 bbls. fresh herring.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Volant, pollocking.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oriole, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Boston.
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Fisheries vs. Summer Visitors.

The total valuation of the fisheries, products of Maine for the year ending December 21, 1908, just announced by the United States fisheries census, was \$3,256,520. These are big figures and show the importance of the fisheries as a part of Maine's economic activities. An investigation of the value of the tourist business, including summer visitors and big game seekers, would show a far larger total, however.—Bliddeford Journal.

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Salt Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Mabel D. Hines sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and George Perkins & Son.

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HERRING STRUCK IN AT BONNE BAY, N. F.

Three Schooners Loaded
With Salted Cargoes
and Sailed for Home.

No Signs of Fish Yet
Seen at Bay of Islands.

Herring in goodly quantities struck in at Bonne Bay, N. F., last week, in consequence of which three vessels have loaded and are on the way home with salted cargoes. The strike at Bonne bay is not liable to last much longer, as the herring, in coming down the coast, generally stay but a short time, and then leave; to appear a few days later and make their winter home at Bay of Islands.

The vessels which have loaded at Bonne Bay and sailed for home are schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Meteor of this port, and William Matheson of Bucksport. The Meteor only sailed from here Nov. 5, and arrived at Bonne Bay the 10th. She is in command of Capt. Manuel. Caton and should she strike any kind of a good chance home, should break all existing records for the shortest herring trip ever made to the west coast of Newfoundland.

No Fish Yet Reported at Bay of Islands.

Recent advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., are not of an encouraging nature, but the skippers are hoping that the main school will soon strike in, and are cheered by the good news from Bonne Bay.

Sch. Arethusa had to land her cook on account of sickness, and he is on the way home.

Peter Muise, one of the crew of sch. John R. Bradley, was brought to Birchy cove last Monday, and put under surveillance, he having been acting so queerly on board the vessel that it was not deemed safe to keep him on board with the rest of the crew. He was sent to North Sydney Wednesday. His home is in Yarmouth.

On Monday and Tuesday the wind was very heavy from the northwest, accompanied by rain and hail squalls. The news of the fine catches in Bonne Bay has reached here, and they are now looked for here in the near future.

Sch. Catherine Burke arrived here Tuesday. Sch. Ralph L. Hall is reported at Wood Island. The Woodruff arrived there Sunday. On Tuesday there were 17 American vessels here in all, including Lucinda I. Lowell at Bonne Bay.

The Canadian vessels here are schs. Colonial, Defender, Ellen Maxner and Juniata. The Newfoundland vessels here for herring are schs. Crofton McLeod, Minnie M. Cook and Bonus.

On Frozen Herring Trips.

Sch. Avalon sailed Saturday from here on a frozen herring trip to Bay of Islands, N. F., and sch. Clontonia will sail today. Schs. George Parker, Senator Gardner, Veda M. McKown and Theodore Roosevelt are all ready to sail today.

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Steam Trawlers Commit Depredations Off Scotland.

The depredations of the French trawlers in northern Atlantic waters are now familiar to all interested in fishing; and both Canadians and Americans are moving for a mitigation of the evil. According to the Scotch John O'Groat Journal, a bad condition of affairs exists on the other side as well. It tells of a crew which had 10 creels set in St. Clair Bay, and a trawler came in and anchored over them. When it left, it lifted the creels and 140 fathoms of rope, and carried them several miles out to sea, and then threw them overboard. The crew, who were eyewitnesses, have reported the circumstances and the vessel's name and number.—New York Fishing Gazette.

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REGULATION OF STEAM TRAWLERS

Will Be Taken Up by the French Government.

The entire question of the regulation of French beam trawling on the banks of the western Atlantic is now being taken up with the French government. Such is the reply of Secretary of State Knox to a letter written the state department recently by Congressman Gardner.

Congressman Gardner has been at work on this matter of the French trawlers and their destructive work, since last June, and in his recent letter to the state department he called attention to two points which had not been especially covered previously in the diplomatic correspondence on the affair, namely that the French steam trawlers operated on various banks beside those of Newfoundland and that the most of the damage done by the French was committed at night and thus made identification for the purpose of personal suits for damages well nigh impossible.

It is in reply to this last letter of the congressman that the secretary of state, Mr. Knox, writes him the interesting and cheering news that the matter in its entirety is being taken up with the French government.

Cape Island, N. S., Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Lottie and Marguerite, Capt. Arthur Goreham, Jr., is now east with a large fleet of mackerel nets. Word comes from the crew that they were successful in securing a fairly good haul of mackerel last Thursday night. About 3000 of the largest size were taken. This is a good start, and it is hoped that they will be successful in making more good hauls.

Active preparations have already begun for the opening up of the lobster season. The usual making of traps, buoys and repairing of boats, etc., has broken the monotony of the last few months of dullness in this thriving community. There has been a failure of the mackerel and herring fishery, which has been such a source of profit to other sections along our shores. This applies to our men who have stopped at home, and who have been employed in this line of fisheries.

Codfish are on the Cape Negro grounds in great numbers, and the boatmen have been reaping a harvest. The local fleet, which is not large, landed 25 butts two days in succession. The highest single boat catch per day was 2000 pounds. All sold fresh to the Atlantic Fish Co., with the exception of one lot to Port LaTour.

Nov. 15.

FIFTY ARRIVALS AT T WHARF

Much of the Fish Will Go to the Splitters.

T wharf is completely surrounded with vessels this morning, both docks being filled completely, and the crafts are lying seven or eight deep on the end. In all there were 50 arrivals up to the time the bell rang and there was so much fish in sight that lots of fares were unsold up to 9 o'clock. Several of the pollockers left right away for Gloucester with their trips untouched, and it is expected that quite a bunch of cod and hake will have to come down to the splitters.

As was expected, there were a lot of off shore arrivals, many of the fleet fishing to the eastward coming in and most of them having good fares. Sch. Susan and Mary, Capt. Albert Hubbard, had the largest fare, 130,000 pounds of fresh codfish. The craft will probably get part of them out up at Boston, but the bulk will probably come here to Gloucester.